

CONDENSED MINUTES  
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 20, 2015

Fort Edward, New York, Friday, March 20, 2015.

The Board of Supervisors convened in regular session at 10:05 AM at the County Office Building, Fort Edward, New York pursuant to Rule 1 of Rules of said Board.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY called the meeting to order and presided.

Mr. Armstrong offered the prayer.

Mr. O'Brien led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and read the Fire Safety Notice.

The Clerk called the roll:

PRESENT: 16 Henke, Fedler, Gang, Shaw, Dumas, Hicks, Idleman, O'Brien, Haff, Campbell, Brown, Lindsay, LaPointe, Pitts, Shay, Armstrong

ABSENT: 1 Suprenant

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY opened the public hearing on Local Law "A" of 2015, a local law allowing for common, safe items to be excluded from the dangerous fireworks definition as permitted by New York State penal law Section 405 (b) at 10:08 AM. A representative of Phantom Fireworks spoke recommending adoption of Local Law "A". CHAIRMAN LINDSAY closed the public hearing at 10:13 AM.

The condensed minutes of the February 20, 2015 meeting were accepted as mailed.

The Clerk read the communications.

A motion to approve the March Audit Report and pay all bills as audited, was moved by Mr. Pitts, seconded by Supervisors Gang, Shaw, Dumas, Shay, Armstrong and adopted.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY announced a Proclamation issued proclaiming April 12 – 18, 2015 as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY asked if any Supervisor had any request for Supervisors' Privilege of the Floor. There were no requests.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY asked that the resolutions be introduced.

Resolution No. 57 March 20, 2015 By Supervisors Idleman, Brown, Haff, Dumas, Armstrong –  
TITLE: To Support the Siting of a Medical Marijuana Cultivation Center in Washington County Pursuant to the Compassionate Care Act.

Resolution No. 58 March 20, 2015 By Supervisors Idleman, Brown, Haff, Dumas, Armstrong –  
TITLE: To Support the Siting of a Medical Marijuana Cultivation Center in Washington County by

Compassionate Relief Centers of New York, Inc. Pursuant to the Compassionate Care Act.

Resolution No. 59 March 20, 2015 By Supervisor Lindsay – TITLE: Appoint Member to the Counties of Warren and Washington County Industrial Development Agency and Civic Development Corporation.

Resolution No. 60 March 20, 2015 By Supervisors Brown, Pitts, Suprenant, Campbell, Haff, Hicks, O'Brien, Gang – TITLE: To Appoint Commissioner to the Washington County Sewer District.

Resolution No. 61 March 20, 2015 By Supervisors Suprenant, Henke, Shay, Haff, Pitts, O'Brien, Armstrong – TITLE: To Make Appointments to the Washington County Fire Advisory Board.

Resolution No. 62 March 20, 2015 By Supervisors Hicks, Shay, Henke, Campbell, Dumas – TITLE: To Designate Real Property Tax Director to Approve Corrections to the Tax Roll and Tax Bill and to Authorize Payment of Refunds Less Than \$1,500 for Correction of Errors Appearing on Assessment and Tax Rolls.

Resolution No. 63 March 20, 2015 By Supervisors Campbell, LaPointe, Brown, Henke, Suprenant, Idleman, Pitts, Hicks, O'Brien, Haff, Shay – TITLE: Resolution of the Washington County Board of Supervisors Petitioning Governor Cuomo and the State Legislature to Delay Proposed Legislation Which Would Move the STAR Exemption from a Real Property Tax Exemption to a Proposed Income Tax Credit.

Resolution No. 64 March 20, 2015 By Supervisors Campbell, LaPointe, Brown, Henke, Suprenant, Idleman, Pitts, Hicks, O'Brien, Haff, Shay – TITLE: Amend Budget – Farmland Protection Grant – Purchase of Development Rights.

Resolution No. 65 March 20, 2015 By Supervisors Campbell, LaPointe, Brown, Henke, Suprenant, Idleman, Pitts, Hicks, O'Brien, Haff, Shay – TITLE: Amend 2014 Budget – Sewer District No. 2 for Truck Repair.

Resolution No. 66 March 20, 2015 By Supervisors Campbell, LaPointe, Brown, Henke, Suprenant, Idleman, Pitts, Hicks, O'Brien, Haff, Shay – TITLE: Amend 2015 Budget – Sewer District No. 2 to Purchase Gas Detection Meter.

Resolution No. 67 March 20, 2015 By Supervisors Campbell, LaPointe, Brown, Henke, Suprenant, Idleman, Pitts, Hicks, O'Brien, Haff, Shay – TITLE: Amend 2014 Budget – County Road Fund for Purchase of Fax Machine.

Resolution No. 68 March 20, 2015 By Supervisors Campbell, LaPointe, Brown, Henke, Suprenant, Idleman, Pitts, Hicks, O'Brien, Shay – TITLE: To Adopt Crime Forfeiture Plan and Amend District Attorney 2015 Budget.

Resolution No. 69 March 20, 2015 By Supervisors Campbell, LaPointe, Brown, Henke, Suprenant, Idleman, Pitts, Hicks, O'Brien, Haff, Shay – TITLE: To Authorize Payment of Stale Vouchers – DWI Crackdown Grant.

Resolution No. 70 March 20, 2015 By Supervisors Campbell, LaPointe, Brown, Henke, Suprenant,

Idleman, Pitts, Hicks, O'Brien, Haff, Shay – TITLE: Amend 2015 Mental Health Budget and Contracts to Provide Director Care and Clinical Employees a 2% COLA.

Resolution No. 71 March 20, 2015 By Supervisors Campbell, LaPointe, Brown, Henke, Suprenant, Idleman, Pitts, Hicks, O'Brien, Haff, Shay – TITLE: Amend 2014 Mental Health Budget and Contract for 820 River Street, Inc.

Resolution No. 72 March 20, 2015 By Supervisors Campbell, LaPointe, Henke, Suprenant, Idleman, Hicks, O'Brien, Shay – TITLE: To Request the Legislature of the State of New York to Pass A5316/S3355 Pertaining to Instituting Additional Mortgage Recording Tax.

Resolution No. 73 March 20, 2015 By Supervisors Campbell, LaPointe, Brown, Henke, Suprenant, Pitts, Haff – TITLE: Resolution Supporting the Adoption of a New York State Law that Would Amend the Education Law, In Relation to the Common Core State Standards Initiative, the Race to the Top Program and the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers Consortium.

Resolution No. 74 March 20, 2015 By Supervisors Campbell, LaPointe, Brown, Henke, Suprenant, Pitts, Haff – TITLE: Resolution Supporting an Amendment to New York State's Social Studies Learning Standard No. 5, Civics, Citizenship and Government.

Resolution No. 75 March 20, 2015 By Supervisors Campbell, LaPointe, Brown, Henke, Suprenant, Pitts, Haff – TITLE: To Adopt Introductory Local Law "A" of 2015.

Resolution No. 76 March 20, 2015 By Supervisors Campbell, LaPointe, Brown, Henke, Suprenant, Idleman, Pitts, Hicks, O'Brien, Haff, Shay – TITLE: Create a Capital Project – ACC – C01096 – Capital Plan & Health/Safety Capital Project.

Resolution No. 77 March 20, 2015 By Supervisors Campbell, LaPointe, Brown, Henke, Suprenant, Idleman, Pitts, Hicks, O'Brien, Haff, Shay – TITLE: Create a Capital Project – ACC – C01097 – Critical/Deferred Maintenance Capital Project.

Resolution No. 78 March 20, 2015 By Supervisors Campbell, LaPointe, Brown, Henke, Suprenant, Idleman, Pitts, Hicks, O'Brien, Haff, Shay – TITLE: Public Health Nursing Adjustment for 2012 and 2013.

Resolution No. 79 March 20, 2015 By Supervisors O'Brien, LaPointe, Suprenant, Hicks – TITLE: Amend Staffing Pattern – County Clerk.

Resolution No. 80 March 20, 2015 By Supervisors Campbell, LaPointe, Brown, Henke, Suprenant, Idleman, Pitts, Hicks, O'Brien, Haff, Shay – TITLE: Authorize the Chairman of the Board to Sign Contracts for Employee Health Care and Dental Plans.

Resolution No. 81 March 20, 2015 By Supervisors Idleman, Brown, Haff, Dumas, Armstrong – TITLE: To Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to Execute Grant/Contract Documents with the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets and Agricultural Stewardship Association and Amend Budget.

The Board went on to consider the resolutions.

Resolution No. 57, moved by Ms. Idleman, seconded by Supervisors Gang, Dumas, Haff, Pitts, Shay, Armstrong. CHAIRMAN LINDSAY asked for discussion. Mr. Haff stated the Town of Hartford adopted a resolution similar to this but added a WHEREAS, in 2014 Washington County ranked 57<sup>th</sup> out of the 57 New York Counties in the collection of Sales Tax Dollars per capita, and moved that this WHEREAS be added to this resolution, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Brown and adopted. Resolution No. 57, moved by Ms. Idleman, seconded by Supervisors Gang, Dumas, Haff, Pitts, Shay, Armstrong and adopted, as amended.

Resolution No. 58, moved by Ms. Idleman, seconded by Supervisors Gang, Dumas, Campbell, Armstrong and adopted.

Resolution No. 59, moved by Chairman Lindsay, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Dumas, LaPointe and adopted.

Resolution No. 60, moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Supervisors Gang, Idleman, Campbell and adopted.

Resolution No. 61, moved by Mr. Henke, seconded by Supervisors Idleman, Campbell, LaPointe, Shay and adopted.

Resolution No. 62, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Dumas, Campbell, LaPointe, Shay and adopted.

Resolution No. 63, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Gang, Hicks, Idleman, LaPointe, Pitts and adopted.

Resolution No. 64, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Idleman, Brown, LaPointe, Shay and adopted.

Resolution No. 65, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Henke and adopted.

Resolution No. 66, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Gang and adopted.

Resolution No. 67, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Gang, Dumas and adopted.

Resolution No. 68, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Gang, Brown, Shay, Armstrong and adopted. Mr. Haff opposed.

Resolution No. 69, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Gang, Dumas, Shay and adopted.

Resolution No. 70, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Gang and adopted.

Resolution No. 71, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by supervisors Henke, Gang, LaPointe and adopted.

Resolution No. 72, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Dumas, Idleman, O'Brien, LaPointe and adopted by the following 2/3 roll call vote:

AYES: 11 Henke, Gang, Shaw, Dumas, Hicks, Idleman, O'Brien, Campbell, Lindsay, LaPointe, Armstrong

NOES: 5 Fedler, Haff, Brown, Pitts, Shay

ABSENT: 1 Suprenant

AYES: 2,855 NOES: 783 ABSENT: 386

Resolution No. 73, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Haff, Brown. CHAIRMAN LINDSAY asked for discussion. Supervisors Idleman and Henke don't feel this resolution is appropriate for this Board to consider. Mr. Campbell stated it is easy to say this is someone else's problem. A motion to table Resolution No. 73, was moved by Mrs. Fedler, seconded by Mr. Shay and defeated. Resolution No. 73, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Haff, Brown and defeated.

Resolution No. 74, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Haff, Brown and defeated by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 8 Shaw, Dumas, Haff, Campbell, Brown, Pitts, Shay, Armstrong

NOES: 8 Henke, Fedler, Gang, Hicks, Idleman, O'Brien, Lindsay, LaPointe

ABSENT: 1 Suprenant

AYES: 1,617 NOES: 2,195 ABSENT: 448

Resolution No. 75, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Henke. CHAIRMAN LINDSAY asked for discussion. Ms. Idleman thanked Ray Rathbun, Fire Coordinator for the letter he wrote addressing the fireworks law. Mr. Shay stated he will oppose this resolution. Discussion ensued. Resolution No. 75, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Henke and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 12 Henke, Fedler, Gang, Shaw, Dumas, Hicks, O'Brien, Haff, Campbell, Brown, LaPointe, Pitts

NOES: 4 Idleman, Lindsay, Shay, Armstrong

ABSENT: 1 Suprenant

AYES: 2,138 NOES: 1,674 ABSENT: 448

Resolution No. 76, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Dumas, O'Brien, Armstrong and adopted.

Resolution No. 77, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Gang, Dumas, LaPointe, Armstrong and adopted.

Resolution No. 78, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Shay and adopted.

Resolution No. 79, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Gang and adopted.

Resolution No. 80, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Gang, Dumas, O'Brien, Haff and adopted.

Resolution No. 81, moved by Ms. Idleman, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Dumas, Brown, Shay, Armstrong and adopted.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY asked for Supervisors' comments. Mr. Henke stated what the state is doing to community colleges is absurd. Their share is defined by law and they aren't living up to it. He also announced that the Town of Argyle has passed a Right to Farm law. Mr. Shaw wished two residents of Easton Happy Birthday, one who is 100 and another is 102. Mr. Brown suggested Mr. Henke put forth a resolution regarding community colleges. Dr. Duffy, ACC President addressed the Board and encouraged Supervisors to write letters. A motion for executive session to discuss union negotiations, was moved by Ms. Idleman, seconded by Mrs. Dumas and adopted.

The Board adjourned following executive session.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Sandy Huffer, Deputy Clerk*